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## TENSIONS BOILING FOR 17 YEARS

Althea Guiboche and her daughters Aralyn, 5, right, and Jaxtynne, 3, were among a handful of protesters handing out bottled water in downtown Winnipeg on Thursday to bring awareness to the length of time Shoal Lake No. 40 has been under a boil-water advisory.

Story, page 3. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

## Boil-water warning lifted

**Health.** Mayor Brian Bowman gives the go-ahead to consume, chugs glass of water at press conference

Winnipeg's 700,000 residents are again free to drink their tap water.

"The province's medical officer of health has notified us that they've lifted the precautionary boil-water advisory for the city of Winnipeg," Mayor Brian Bowman said Thursday.

Bowman said a second batch of tests on the city's water supply came back free of harmful bacteria and met all health-and-safety guidelines.

He said citizens no longer need to take special precautions.

"Our city's drinking water remains safe to drink, prepare food and beverages, along with all hygiene purposes," he said, before chugging a glass of water he brought to

the press conference.

"I'd like to thank all Winnipegers for their patience over the last two days."

Efforts now turn to figuring out why there were positive results for coliform and E. coli in the first place, said Diane Sacher, the city's waste and water director.

"We do not know what has led to this," she said. "Now that we've got the all-clear ... we're going to be shifting our focus to find out what happened, why we did have those positive test results."

"That's obviously going to be a high priority for us now."

An advisory had been put in place Tuesday after harmful bacteria showed up in extremely low levels in six of 39 water samples taken during routine testing.

Businesses and residents had been told that their tap water was safe for bathing and laundry but were advised to boil it for at least a minute before drinking it.

Winnipegers responded by emptying store shelves of bottled water.

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# Did the boil advisory seem way too long? Try 17 years

**Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.** Group hopes to get locals thinking on disparity, responsibility

A group is using Winnipeg's boil-water advisory to highlight the ongoing struggles of the First Nation that supplies the city with its drinking water.

Shoal Lake 40 First Nation, which sends water to Winnipeg through an aqueduct, has been under a boil-water advisory for 17 years. Chuck Wright said it's time Winnipeg residents learned more about the cost of their drinking water.

"I really hope that the inconvenience of only a day and a half of an E. coli scare ... will create more empathy for the many, many First Nations ... that have been under boil-water advisories and without adequate drinking water for so many years," he said.

Wright and a few others handed out water bottles plastered with the label "Boil Water Advisory Day Count — Winnipeg: 1.5, Shoal Lake 40: 6,205+" on Thursday in downtown Winnipeg to raise awareness about the reserve.

Winnipeg's boil advisory was issued on Tuesday after routine testing found coliform and E. coli at extremely low levels in six of 39 water samples. The advisory was lifted Thursday afternoon after secondary tests came back negative.

Shoal Lake, on the Ontario-Manitoba boundary, was flooded and essentially made into an island so Winnipeg could tap its water. For years, the community has lived under a boil-water



Stéphane Doucet holds out one of the bottles of water he and others handed out in downtown Winnipeg on Thursday to raise awareness about Shoal Lake 40's boil-water advisory, which has been ongoing for 17 years. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

advisory while calling for the construction of an all-weather road.

"While clean drinking water is still ... in the public mind, we wanted to come out and remind Winnipeggers of this disparity," Wright said. "We hope ... people will contemplate more where their water comes from and what our responsibility is through our relationship to Shoal Lake 40 First Nation."

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## Outage

### Hard to boil water with no electricity

Insult was added to injury in Winnipeg when thousands of people already facing a city-wide boil-water

advisory couldn't turn on their stoves because of a power outage.

About 9,000 Manitoba Hydro customers were left in the dark Wednesday evening when a power pole in northwest Winnipeg caught fire.

Around 4,000 people

were brought back online shortly after 9 p.m., but the rest had to wait until early Thursday morning before their service was restored.

There's no word on the cause of the fire, but repair crews had to rebuild the pole.

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Between boil-water advisories, massive power outages (when you need to boil water), being branded the most racist city in Canada and, well, just because we're a cynical bunch, something else is sure to go wrong for Winnipeg soon.

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### BowChief breaks up

Nooooo! Winnipeg's favourite power couple Mayor Brian Bowman and MLA Kevin Chief can't lose their happily ever after. What about the selfies? And the Jets games? What about poor little Thumbzilla? Our hearts will go on for you.

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## things bound to go wrong next

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### Premier Steve Ashton

OK, OK, we're kidding. We wish all the candidates vying to be our next premier luck in the leadership race. We just decided to pick on Steve.

### Tainted beer

Can you imagine how long you'd have to wait for your beer to get cold if you had to boil it before drinking because both Half Pints and Fort Garry Brewing Co. somehow became contaminated? Now that would be national news.



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### The Jets don't make the playoffs

Sportsclubstats.com gave Winnipeggers a late Christmas present when they gave the Jets a 92.4 per cent chance of making the playoffs. So if we don't make it, that would mean a lot of people crying into their (tainted) beers at Portage and Main.



### IGF breaks in half

How long did that concrete cure? Those little cracks are just cosmetic? Maybe fans who'll flock to the stadium by the U of M should bring a parachute for the FIFA Women's World Cup and Bombers games. You know, just in case.



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# CMHR to talk Ukraine 'terror-famine'

**Human rights.** Museum holding panel on what Canadians knew of Holodomor genocide

The Holodomor famine-genocide in Ukraine made news in

Canada as it was taking place in the 1920s and '30s, according to a university researcher who will be participating in a panel discussion at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) next Wednesday.

Jaroslav Balan of the University of Alberta's Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies said his research con-

tradicts the belief that the Holodomor was successfully hidden through propaganda and denials.

"It is shocking how much information was being shared through the Canadian media at the time about the agricultural situation in Ukraine, the starvation and the Soviet government policies that were intended to cover it up,"

Balan said in a press release.

The Holodomor saw millions starve due to policies imposed on Ukraine by the former Soviet Union.

Wednesday's panel discussion will be accompanied by the screening of an original 10-minute film on the Holodomor produced for the museum's Breaking the Silence gallery.

"The film tries to help visitors consider breaking the silence as a human-rights act," said Jeremy Maron, researcher-curator at the CMHR.

"It is a way to drag violations from the shadows, to raise awareness, expose truth and also pursue justice, reconciliation and recovery that can re-establish the dignity

## Breaking the silence

The panel discussion on the Holodomor takes place Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Bonnie and John Buhler Hall.

and voices of the victims." **METRO**

## Crime. Police stop tire thieves in their tracks

Police have put the air brakes on a theft ring they say had stolen tens of thousands of dollars worth of semi-truck tires and tools dating back to last summer.

Police began investigating after thieves broke into a business in the 500 block of Hervo Street and stole tires back in June.

Police believe the same people were responsible for three similar break-ins at businesses last year and another five this year, including one Tuesday in the 1700 block of Brookside Boulevard.

In all, more than \$57,500 in new tires and tools were stolen.

Police spokesman Const. Eric Hofley said the tires were

being resold at a tire shop in the North Inkster Industrial Park.

"(The stolen goods are) at a business.... If there's brand-new tires sitting there, it would never come into my mind to wonder where they came from," said Hofley.

"When things are brand new, I don't think anybody's suspecting that they're purchasing stolen goods."

Isaac Franklin Herdman, 27, and Kevin J. Richardson, 30, both of Winnipeg, are facing a number of property-related charges.

A 33-year-old Winnipeg man is also charged with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. **METRO**



Winnipeg police spokesman Const. Eric Hofley speaks to media Thursday after officers busted a theft ring that had been stealing semi tires and tools. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

## Theft

### Officers hunting for purse snatcher

Police are searching for a thief after a woman had her purse snatched in the Centennial neighbourhood late Wednesday.

The 21-year-old victim was walking near Ellen Street and William Avenue just before 11:30 p.m.

when an unknown man approached and began asking her questions.

The man suddenly lunged at her, stole her purse and fled north on Ellen Street.

The suspect is black and five foot three to five foot five, with an average build.

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# Festival aims to rewrite notions of the symphony

**Arts.** Winnipeg New Music Festival spans the spectrum from avant-garde to classical contemporary



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The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra recommends leaving at home preconceived notions of what a night out at the symphony looks like for the Winnipeg New Music Festival.

Now in its 24th year, the 2015 festival has never-before-heard pieces and new musical collaborations that span the spectrum from classical contemporary to the avant-garde.

"People are very familiar with modern art and the many different styles of art; well, the same thing has hap-

pened in music in the last 100 years," explained WSO spokesman Neil Middleton. "What the festival is, is a chance to sort of see these different places where people have arrived in imagining how an orchestra can sound and what kind of things we can make an orchestra do."

The festival, which kicks off Saturday and runs until Feb. 6, includes performances by the Arditti Quartet — known as one of the world's most precise string quartets — and WSO's Gwen Hoebig tackling an original piece by indie rocker/composer and Arcade Fire member Sarah Neufeld.

"There's definitely different flavours of music throughout the week," said Middleton. "It's a chance to explore and jump into a musical adventure."

For a full list of what's going on at the festival and for festival passes, go to [wnmf.ca](http://wnmf.ca).



WSO conductor Alexander Mickelthwait rehearses with the orchestra Thursday for the Winnipeg New Music Festival, which kicks off Saturday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

## Fashion. Nordstrom reps to strut Manitobah Mukluks at Ottawa fest

Nordstrom may be a U.S. store, but its representatives will be donning Manitoba-made aboriginal footwear at the opening of Ottawa festival Winterlude on Friday.

Manitobah Mukluks, a Winnipeg-based aboriginal-owned mukluk manufacturer, will be warming the feet of about 40 Nordstrom "ambassadors" at the Rideau Canal during the opening festivities.

"They could have picked any brand, whether it was Sorel or UGGs," said Manitobah Mukluks director of communications Tara Barnes. "Instead they decided to pick mukluks."

Manitobah Mukluks creates footwear that's a mix of traditional Metis moccasins with modern Vibram soles.

John Bailey, a spokesman for Nordstrom, said the store learned about the line during its Calgary opening. It now carries the brand in



Actor and model Megan Fox seen wearing a pair of Manitobah Mukluks. COURTESY SNAPPER MEDIA

six of its stores.

The international store will open in Ottawa's Rideau Centre on March 6.

Winterlude runs in Ottawa until Feb. 16.

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# Missing man's car found by police

## Christophur Baur.

Vehicle belonging to Winnipeg resident who has been missing since Jan. 3 found near Manitoba Avenue

Police have found the car of a Winnipeg man who has been missing for over three weeks.

But Christophur Baur's whereabouts remain a mystery.

The 36-year-old was last seen near the corner of Ellice Avenue and Wall Street on the evening of Jan. 3.

In a release Jan. 7, police said Baur might have been driving a red 2007 Toyota Yaris. On Thursday, police spokesman Const. Eric Hofley said the car had been found parked on the 800 block of Manitoba Avenue.

"It adds to the mystery,"



Christophur Baur, 36.  
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### Quoted

"We have this vehicle ... and yet still no sign of him. Investigators are out of leads, and of course the family is concerned."

Const. Eric Hofley, police spokesman

been parked there.

Now, as well as asking for tips about where Baur may be, police are also asking anyone who may have seen the vehicle and its driver in the area to contact them.

Baur is white, six feet tall and 180 pounds, with an average build and short dark hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing black pants, black shoes and a black bomber-style winter jacket with a hood. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 204-986-6250. **METRO**

said Hofley. "We have this vehicle ... and yet still no sign of him. Investigators are out of leads, and of course the family is concerned."

Hofley said a tip from the public led police to the car but he couldn't say exactly when the car had been located or how long police believe it had

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## St. Theresa Point

Chief disgusted  
but not surprised  
by housing figures

Documents that show Manitoba is one of the worst places for First Nations people to live don't come as a surprise to Chief David McDougall from the remote St. Theresa Point First Nation in the northern part of the province.

McDougall listens in amazement to radio ads appealing for help for African children who live in dilapidated homes with no running water. He shakes his head reading Canadian studies on the psychological effect of the lack of adequate housing on refugee children in the Middle East.

"How come they don't come and study the situation as is in First Nations? I know the answer to that," he said. "They're turning a blind eye."

The government's regional updates estimate McDougall's community needed 379 new homes in 2010 and project that will grow to 949 by 2020. It's not uncommon to have up to 18 people sharing a three-bedroom bungalow on the reserve, McDougall said.

The government response, flagged as "behind plan" in several updates, was to direct a steering committee to create a "sub-committee to address housing backlog."

In the meantime, McDougall said, his community and three other area reserves with a combined need for just over 1,000 homes got 12 new houses this year.

"I wouldn't even call it a drop in the bucket."

Despair grows among young aboriginals on the fly-in reserve as they see luxuries on satellite television they can only dream of, McDougall said.

No one is expecting a blank cheque, he added, just some sign of interest on the part of Ottawa to work with reserves to improve the situation.

"We're trying to contribute to our own well-being. We're not just sitting here twiddling our thumbs. They're not really working with us."

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Easterville, a First Nations reserve almost 500 kilometres north of Winnipeg. BRENDAN KENNEDY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

# Manitoba First Nations live in squalor: Records

## Federal report. Documents show high rates of poverty, mortality, addiction

Federal government documents show Manitoba is one of the worst places for First Nations people to live in Canada.

Internal reports from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development show Manitoba natives are more likely to grow up in poverty, drop out of school, live off social assistance in dilapidated housing and suffer family violence.

Their life expectancy is also eight years shorter than that of other Manitobans.

The 10 regional updates spanning 2012 to 2014 lay out the poor living conditions on Manitoba reserves but offer little concrete action on the part of the government.

They were obtained through access-to-information legislation.

"Based on the UN Human Development Index, quality of life on Manitoba First Nations ranks the lowest in Canada," said an update dated July 2014.

Another update dated September 2013 notes that 25 per cent of First Nations children live in poverty across Canada.

In Manitoba, it said, 62 per cent of aboriginal children live below the poverty line.

The 2014 report also noted that, at 28 per cent, the province has the lowest high-school graduation rate for First Nations in the country.

Manitoba First Nations also have the highest social-assistance rates in Canada, the documents show. In some communities, 80 per cent of the population is on welfare. Just under two per cent of the population has come off social assistance and moved on to education or employment.

The 2014 report said there is less money for reserve infrastructure because the fed-

eral government has shifted resources to education and social programs. Almost one-third of Manitoba First Nations live in reserve homes "in need of major repair" — the second-highest percentage in the country.

The health of Manitoba First Nations is also suffering, the documents suggest. Residents have a "higher mortality, higher incidence and prevalence of chronic diabetes," notes the 2013 update. First Nations also experience higher family violence and suicide rates, as well as higher rates of alcohol, drug and solvent abuse, it said.

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## Response

A spokeswoman for Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt said he was unavailable to discuss the matter. Emily Hillstrom sent an emailed statement that didn't address the poor living conditions.

- "Our government believes that aboriginal peoples should have the same quality of life, the same opportunities and the same choices as all other Canadians," she wrote.



Derek Nepinak, head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO FILE

## Grand chief slams years of Conservative 'indifference'

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak, head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives have set the clock back 30 years on aboriginal relations.

The government refuses to work with First Nations to

address a chronic lack of safe water, proper housing and basic infrastructure, he said.

There are solutions out there, but First Nations can't even get federal authorities to the table, Nepinak said.

"We've seen indifference. We've seen omission. We've

seen willful blindness to the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls," he said. "We're really looking for a new government to help address some of these very significant outstanding issues."

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# Hydro line move ignites rapid transit debate

**Council.** Schreyer complains about lack of information as SW corridor portion of project discussed



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There was renewed debate on the \$590-million second phase of rapid transit project, as city council agreed to fork over an extra \$3 million to Manitoba Hydro that it needs to move a transmission line.

Earlier in January, a Hydro official said it would have cost the city \$20 million to move the high-voltage line, but since Hydro has an upgrade project in place for that area, the city

is only responsible for the "incremental cost" of upgrading from lattice to tubular towers, which is roughly \$6.25 million.

The tubular tower is necessary, added the official, because Hydro's footprint needs to be smaller to allow enough space for the southwest corridor's dogleg route.

Since contingency cash is needed for large projects, city officials requested the approv-

al of up to \$7.25 million.

Coun. Jason Schreyer was the lone vote against the item.

"I want it known that I understand, I believe that we need to progress in the city with our public transportation system," Schreyer said during the meeting.

"It happens to be that I do not feel in the whole issue of bus rapid transit planning that I have sufficient information

on which to form my decisions."

Schreyer's comments unleashed the bigger debate over the entire project, with several councillors expressing their support and others criticism.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi responded to Schreyer with a reminder that the southwest corridor is the second phase to the first one located in downtown Winnipeg.



Coun. Jenny Gerbasi listens as Coun. Jason Schreyer speaks at council Wednesday. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO



A member of the public submitted this poster to the 1Winnipeg.ca site. METRO/SCREENSHOT

## Racism. 1Winnipeg.ca calls for sharing of ideas

Mayor Brian Bowman's racism-combatting website is up and running.

Bowman announced the 1Winnipeg.ca site, which was under construction earlier this week, during a morning interview with CBC Radio on Tuesday.

"Racism is a national issue and not exclusive to Winnipeg, but we do have a lot of work to do right here at home," reads the statement on the site's homepage.

"By working as a community, Winnipeg can lead the nation in breaking down barriers that exist for Canadians of every colour, race and religion from coast to coast to coast. But it takes all of us working together, undivided, as one Winnipeg."

An image of Bowman in white, blue and green caused a stir on Twitter for being similar to the "Hope" poster by Shepard Fairey of U.S. President Barack Obama when he first ran for office in 2008.

The mayor's office stated in a tweet that the Bowman image was a public submission.

The site also features quotes from Winnipeg police Chief Devon Clunis, Grand Chief Derek Nepinak of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and Ovide Mercredi, former national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

A spokesperson for the mayor's office told Metro that the website is "dedicated to idea-sharing and to furthering the dialogue the Mayor has already begun with the most influential and positive individuals and organizations from all sectors of the city, and who are leading the nation to make a difference in our community."

The initiative, which will collect ideas, questions and comments from the public, comes a week after a Maclean's cover story that called Winnipeg the most racist city in Canada.

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### Quoted

"Racism is a national issue and not exclusive to Winnipeg, but we do have a lot of work to do right here at home."

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### Politics

## Public safety omnibus bill set to expand anti-terrorism powers

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will unveil Friday details of an omnibus bill that will enact two new laws, and make amendments to the criminal code, the CSIS Act, the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act among a host

of others.

It's not clear whether the Conservatives are prepared to boost the budgets of national security agencies, a key focus of Opposition criticism, as it moves to bring in a raft of new anti-terror powers.

The government put the Commons on notice that funding will attach to the measures, but a senior government official said it shouldn't be interpreted as new funding, rather is intended to provide authority

to spend for a new purpose.

However, the Official Opposition insists the question of resources is the main one, and it is skeptical of the need for new laws.

Harper has chosen the riding of Richmond Hill to make the long-awaited announcement, flanked by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney and Justice Minister Peter MacKay at the same time the bill itself is tabled in Parliament.

Harper will press the

need to increase information-sharing among federal departments and agencies, authorize CSIS to disrupt or diminish threats earlier in an investigation, deter and order the removal of online content that promotes terrorism, enhance "no-fly" rules for airline travelers deemed a risk, and lower the evidentiary threshold to issue peace bonds — court-ordered restrictions on a person's liberty and communications.

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## \$13 million lost in seven seconds

Joel Ifergan stands beside a copy of his lottery ticket Thursday at his home in Montreal. The Supreme Court of Canada refused to hear his case claiming he is owed \$13 million for having the winning numbers from a ticket that was printed seven seconds after the deadline. Ifergan bought two lottery tickets in May 2008, but the one with the eventual winning combination popped out of the terminal seven seconds after the 9 p.m. deadline. As Ifergan discovered the next day, his Super 7 ticket had all the right numbers but was dated for the following week.

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# Top soldier defends troops directing airstrikes in Iraq

**Military.** Chief of Defence says Canadian troops directing airstrikes is not a 'combat' role and falls within mission mandate

Canada's top soldier says he authorized troops to help Iraqi security forces target Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) fighters, but denies that can strictly speaking be called a "combat" role.

Speaking before a parliamentary committee on Thursday, Chief of Defence Staff Tom Lawson told MPs that Canadian Forces have operated within their noncombat mandate, even while directing CF-18 airstrikes.

Lawson told the committee he "had not anticipated" Canadian special forces would be in a position to safely direct airstrikes when he ruled them

out last October.

"What I had not anticipated at that time in October was that those tactical air controllers would be able to develop techniques that would allow them, in the relative safety of their advise and assist positions, to be able to help the ... Iraqi security forces bring weaponry of coalition bombers to bear," Lawson explained his reversal.

"So in fact I provided them, within the advise and assist mission, the authority to go ahead with that, well within the mandate given to us by the government."

Lawson, flanked by Defence Minister Rob Nicholson and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, found himself in the middle of a war of words about the precise role of Canada's fight against ISIL.

For the government, the mission has "evolved" since it was approved by Parliament — without the support of the opposition NDP and Liberals — late last year. This evolution,

### By the numbers

# 63%

A new poll shows support remains strong for CF-18 air strikes in Iraq. The poll, released by Forum Research, found that 63 per cent of Canadians somewhat or strongly approve the Conservatives' decision to send six CF-18 fighter jets for airstrikes in Iraq.

for the Conservatives, explains why Canadian soldiers found themselves under fire on the front lines three separate times, despite a mission limited to advising and assisting Iraqi troops.

For the opposition, Canada's role in the fight against the Islamic State has not been defined, no budget has been released — Nicholson refused to give cost estimates again on Thursday — and no clear goal outside of "degrading and destroying" the self-proclaimed caliphate has been outlined.

Frustration among opposition MPs was evident, in the face of Conservative backbench-

ers suggesting they're insufficiently behind the troops for asking those questions.

"This isn't about who can say that they support the troops more than the other," NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said.

"This is about our job as parliamentarians ... We're trying to get some honest answers and some transparency. What's the cost of the war? You know, we went down this path in Afghanistan when we slept-walked into Kandahar without having a defined mission, without proper parliamentary oversight."

Lawson told MPs that 80 per cent of Canadian special forces' time in Iraq is spent in classrooms and training Iraqi forces. But he said that the trainees are through basic skills, and are now looking to take the fight to ISIL.

Canadian special forces will continue to be kept away from combat while on their noncombat mission, Lawson said.

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# Gordie Howe's stem cell therapy raises questions among experts

**Mexico.** The legendary player's son, Marty, says his Dad's stroke symptoms have improved greatly after treatment

Gordie Howe's son says the hockey legend's stroke symptoms have improved since his treatment with stem cells at a Mexican clinic in early December and he wants him to repeat the procedure.

But regenerative medicine experts say there's no scientific evidence such therapies work, and in some cases they can be seriously harmful or even deadly.

The 86-year-old Howe suffered two disabling strokes late last year. In December, the family took him to a Tijuana clinic where he received

stem cell injections as part of a clinical trial being run under a licensing agreement with Stemmedica Cell Technologies of San Diego, Calif.

The experimental treatment involved injecting neural stem cells into Howe's spinal canal, along with intravenous infusions of mesenchymal stem cells, which are found in bone marrow, fat and umbilical cord blood.

Marty Howe said his father can walk again, his speech is improving and he is regaining some of the weight he lost following the strokes.

"After his stem cell treatment, the doctor told us it was kind of an awakening of the body, and it was all that," he told The Canadian Press while in Calgary for a hockey promotion event Tuesday. "They call it the miracle of stem cells and it was nothing less than a miracle."

However, experts in the



Gordie Howe is doing well after stem cell treatment for stroke in Mexico. PAUL HORTON/NEUE STUDIOS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

field question whether stem cells are responsible for Howe's improvement and caution that most so-called

stem cell therapies have not gone through rigorous scientific trials, nor have they been approved as treatments

by Health Canada or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Mick Bhatia, director of

McMaster University's Stem Cell and Cancer Research Institute, said there are many unknowns in Howe's case, such as how many stem cells were administered, whether tests were done to see if they migrated to the targeted area of the body, whether they took up residence where they might have some effect — or did they simply disappear?

"Is this a transient effect, or is it really a perceived or somewhat of a placebo effect and is there something really happening? Scientifically and biologically that is important," Bhatia said Wednesday from Hamilton.

And because Howe received adult stem cells produced from donor cells, he may have needed to take drugs to prevent an immune reaction as well as anti-inflammatory medications, he said.

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Safi al-Kaseasbeh, centre, father of Jordanian pilot Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, who is held by ISIL, reads a statement for the media urging his son's captors to have mercy on a fellow Muslim and spare his life, in Amman, Jordan on Thursday. NASSER NASSER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Loved ones plead for ISIL hostages

**Jordan.** Prisoner swap would run counter to government's stance on extremism

The father of a Jordanian fighter pilot and the wife of a Japanese journalist held by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) pleaded for their loved ones' lives after a possible prisoner swap wasn't carried out by a deadline of sunset Thursday.

The extremists had demanded that Jordan release a female al-Qaida prisoner from death row, and they purport-

edly threatened in an audio message to kill the airman if she was not freed by the deadline.

After sundown in the Middle East, there was no word on the fate of Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh and journalist Kenji Goto, and the families' agonizing wait dragged on.

"We received no assurances from anyone that he is alive," Jawdat al-Kaseasbeh, a brother of the pilot, told The Associated Press. "We have no clue about where the negotiations stand now. We are waiting, just waiting."

The possibility of a swap was raised Wednesday when Jordan said it was willing to

trade Sajida al-Rishawi, the al-Qaida prisoner, for the pilot.

However, the audio message purportedly posted by ISIL only said the pilot would be killed if al-Rishawi was not delivered to the Turkish border by the deadline. There was no mention of Goto and no word on whether the pilot would be traded for the woman. The authenticity of the recording could not be verified independently by The Associated Press.

On Thursday afternoon, Jordan's government spokesman, Mohammed al-Momani, signalled that, in any case, a swap was on hold because the hostage-takers had not delivered proof the pilot is still alive.

Al-Rishawi, 44, faces death by hanging for her role in a suicide bombing, one of three simultaneous attacks on Amman hotels in November 2005 that killed 60 people. She survived because her belt of explosives didn't detonate. She initially confessed, but later recanted, saying she was an unwilling participant.

Al-Rishawi, who is from the Iraqi city of Ramadi, has close family ties to the Iraqi branch of al-Qaida, a precursor of ISIL. Three of her brothers were al-Qaida operatives killed in fighting in Iraq.

Jordan has faced tough choices in the hostage drama.

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## Police detain boy, 8, in Charlie Hebdo case

Police detained and questioned an 8-year-old boy from the south of France who claimed to support the men who attacked the satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo, drawing criticism Thursday that France's measures to prevent people from defending terrorism have gone overboard.

Dozens of people have been

arrested and accused of defending terrorism since the attacks, with some already drawing years-long prison terms in special expedited court proceedings. But the child from the southern city of Nice appears to be the youngest by far.

The boy declared "The French must be killed. I am with the terrorists. The Mus-

lims did well, and the journalists got what they deserved," Fabienne Lewandowski, deputy director for public security in the Alpes-Maritimes region, told BFM television. She said the child also refused to take part in the national minute of silence for the victims on Jan. 9.

The storming of the news-

paper offices left 12 people dead and launched three days of terror in the Paris region that killed a total of 20 people, including the gunmen. The school director brought a complaint against the child on Jan. 21 and he was questioned that day with his father and a lawyer present.

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## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REVISED ELECTRICITY RATES AND NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

### APPLICANT:

**MANITOBA HYDRO**

### APPLICATION:

#### 2014/15; 2015/16 and 2016/17 General Rate Application

Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval to implement a 3.95% across-the-board interim rate increase effective April 1, 2015 and a further 3.95% rate increase effective April 1, 2016. The proposed rate increases will generate additional revenues of \$57 million in fiscal year 2015/16, and \$60 million in fiscal year 2016/17.

A summary of the proposed rate changes and annual electricity bill impacts for the average residential customer (with and without electric space heat) is provided below:

	Energy Rate (¢/kWh)	Basic Charge (\$/month)	Average Annual Electricity Bill (no electric space heat based on 1,000 kWh/month)	Average Annual Electricity Bill (with electric space heat based on 2,000 kWh/month)
Existing Rate <sup>1</sup>	7.381¢	\$7.28	\$973	\$1,859
April 1, 2015 Applied for Rate	7.672¢	\$7.57	\$1,011	\$1,932
April 1, 2016 Applied for Rate	7.975¢	\$7.87	\$1,051	\$2,008

<sup>1</sup> Includes the 2.75% Interim Rate Increase effective May 1, 2014.

Manitoba Hydro is also requesting approval to finalize the 2.75% rate increase approved, on an interim basis, in Order 49/14 and implemented effective May 1, 2014, as well as final approval of any other interim rate Orders issued subsequent to the filing of the Application and prior to conclusion of the proceeding.

Manitoba Hydro is also seeking Board approval to:

1. Implement Time-of-Use rates for the General Service Large (GSL) Customer Class served at greater than 30 kilovolts, effective April 1, 2016, and approval to change the definition of Billing Demand;
2. Finalize Light Emitting Diode (LED) rates for the Area and Roadway Lighting Class, approved on an interim basis in Order 79/14;
3. Rescind the Demand Side Management deferral account for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 fiscal years, established in Order 43/13;
4. Finalize the rate approval process for Option 1 of the Surplus Energy Program (SEP) as approved on an interim basis in Order 43/13; and final approval of all interim ex-parte SEP rate orders issued since April 26, 2013 as well as any additional interim ex-parte SEP rate orders issued prior to the Board's final order in this matter;
5. Finalize the rate approval process for the Curtailable Rate Program (CRP) as approved on an interim basis in Order 43/13; and finalize interim ex-parte Order 46/14 as well as any additional interim ex-parte CRP rate orders issued prior to the Board's final order in this matter; and,
6. Finalize the Interim Orders related to the four remote communities served by diesel generation, as outlined in Manitoba Hydro's Application.

### PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION:

Full particulars of this Application can be obtained by interested parties from:

Manitoba Hydro Attention: Odette Fernandes 360 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3C 0G8 Phone: (204) 360-3633 (collect calls accepted) oferlandes@hydro.mb.ca	The Public Utilities Board Attention: Darren Christle Executive Director 400 - 330 Portage Avenue Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4 Phone: (204) 945-2638 Toll free: 1(866)854-3698 publicutilities@gov.mb.ca
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An electronic version of the Application is located at:

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### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AS AN INTERVENER

The public may participate in this review as an Intervener. Interveners provide evidence to the Board and are subject to cross-examination by the Applicant and other Interveners. Those seeking Intervener status should file their application with the Board by February 3, 2015. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance. The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines and Application forms. These Rules can be seen at the Board's website ([www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)) or obtained on request to the Board, by emailing ([publicutilities@gov.mb.ca](mailto:publicutilities@gov.mb.ca)), writing to the above address, or calling the Board Secretary (204-945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free).

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AS A PRESENTER

The Public is welcome to provide written submissions to the Board on the proposed rate increases. Written submissions should be received by May 1, 2015. The public may also present their views orally to the Board during the Hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral submissions to the Board should contact the Board Secretary by May 1, 2015.

### PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

The Board will convene a Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) on February 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in its Hearing Room, 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The purpose of the Pre-Hearing Conference is to identify the interveners and their reasons for intervention, provide an opportunity for interveners to cooperate and avoid duplication of interventions, finalize a timetable for the orderly exchange of evidence and information, and to determine the issues and scope of the public review and hearing process.

Persons wishing to address this Pre-Hearing Conference in French are required to notify the Board's Secretary prior to February 3, 2015.

### VARIATION:

The Board may make an Order granting the Application in whole or in part, or may order such other remedies as the Board deems appropriate.

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## Law. Fugitive treasure hunter in court, alleged to have cheated his investors out of shipwreck gold

A treasure hunter locked in a legal battle over one of the greatest undersea hauls in American history was scheduled to appear in federal court Thursday after two years on the run.

The U.S. Marshals Service captured former fugitive Tommy Thompson at a Hilton hotel in West Boca Raton on

Tuesday. The capture was announced Wednesday by Brian Babbist, a senior inspector in the agency's office in Columbus, Ohio, where a federal civil arrest warrant was issued for Thompson in 2012 when he failed to show up to a court hearing. A criminal contempt warrant was unsealed Wednesday. Thompson

had been on the lam for two years, accused of cheating investors out of their share of gold he had recovered from a 19th-century shipwreck.

Thompson made history in 1988 when he found the sunken S.S. Central America, also known as the Ship of Gold. Thompson and his crew brought up thousands of gold

bars and coins.

Much was sold to a gold marketing group for \$50 million. The 161 investors who paid \$12.7 million to find the ship never saw returns. Two of them sued: a now-deceased investment firm president and the firm which publishes The Columbus Dispatch. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Michele McCray, 58, stands by an empty Detroit apartment building where she once lived rent-free. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Squatters forced out by Detroit fix-up

**Housing.** Homeless Detroit woman, Michele McCray, one of many who find shelter in abandoned vacant houses

### Shopping for a house squat

"You look for one that's decent, already fixed up."

Michele McCray, 58, said from a homeless shelter where she stays when it's too cold to squat in a house without heat or other utilities.

Chris Mathews' crew showed up to demolish a vacant home as part of Detroit's grand plan to bulldoze its way to prosperity when a call from his office stopped them in their tracks: Someone was living there.

A middle-aged woman who watched the crew tear away the home's warped wooden steps the day before had called their company, Adamo Demolition, to point out she was living on the second floor, despite no power, heat or gas and a flooded basement.

"It was like a swimming

pool. We would never have thought anybody was upstairs," said Mathews.

As Detroit carries out its plan to tear down tens of thousands of homes to combat blight and tailor the city to fit its population, which has dwindled to about a third of its 1950s peak, it will have to deal with an unknown number of squatters.

About 10 per cent of the houses Adamo goes out to demolish have squatters, or evidence of squatters. The city doesn't allow occupied properties to be demolished.

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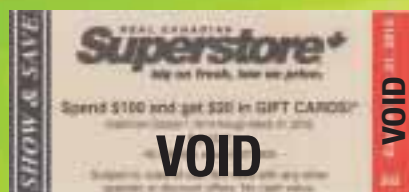
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# Toronto teen a student of the investing game

## Stock market.

Brandon Fleisher, 17, has doubled his initial \$50k investment over the course of one year



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Call him the pup of Bay Street. At 17, Brandon Fleisher understands the ins and outs of stock markets like a, well, wolf.

The Grade 12 student at Toronto's Upper Canada College has, within a year, doubled his initial investment of \$50,000. He also started a company through which he offers free analysis of different stocks and markets.

Fleisher picked up an interest in the world of stock exchanges when he was in Grade 8.

"In a math class, we all had to pick a stock and grow the most out of it by the end of the year," he said. "I did very well, then started playing virtual stock-exchange games with fake money, and it really gave

## Quoted

"I worked really hard to gain the trust from my parents to invest real money in my portfolio."

Brandon Fleisher, student and investing whiz

me the thrill."

Not too long after, Fleisher started spending entire days combing through companies' financial reports and studying balance sheets.

It took about two years of balancing school workload and his passion for running a virtual portfolio before he got the chance to invest real money. Fascinated by his success and skills in the markets, Fleisher's parents gave him money to setup an account with a broker.

"I worked really hard to gain the trust from my parents to invest the real money in my portfolio," he said, explaining that he was making big profits in the fake money trade, where he invested in Netflix and Tesla.

He has since broadened his network of investors, and his



Brandon Fleisher has got a solid start in stock market investing at the ripe young age of 17. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

company, The Financial Bulls, is now operated with him as CEO and other people his age offering financial advice.

So what's the secret to his success? Fleisher said it's simple: Find companies that are growing and profitable and have the patience to stay in-

vested for a good while.

It also helps if you're a bit of a whiz kid too.

"I really do like investing. I don't really see it as a burden," he said. "When I am doing investments, it's not as if I need to take a break at any point at all."

## Super Bowl. CRTC moves to ban subbing of U.S. ads

Canada's broadcast regulator is banning the substitution of Canadian advertisements for American ads during the Super Bowl.

The decision won't take effect in time for this Sunday's game, but it could be in place for next year if Bell Media — the rights holder for the 2016 event — waives its rights to switch ads.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says the new rule will be officially in place for the 2017 Super Bowl.

TV networks will still be allowed to simultaneously substitute advertising on programming broadcast on local TV stations, but not specialty channels.

CRTC chairman Jean-Pierre Blais also warns that penalties could be imposed on broadcasters if the ad switching dis-

rupts programming enough for viewers to complain.

In a speech to a London, Ont., business gathering today, Blais also announced that broadcasters will lose the ability to switch ads, along with mandatory carriage privileges on cable and satellite services, if they shut down transmitters that allow Canadians access to free, over-the-air TV signals.

Blais also announced today the CRTC is ordering Bell Mobility and Videotron to stop giving their own mobile television services an unfair advantage over other Internet services.

The two companies have exempted their own mobile television services from their standard monthly data charges while content from other websites or apps is counted against a customer's data cap.

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## Market Minute



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## Keystone XL

### U.S. Senate passes bill approving Canadian pipeline

The Republican-controlled United States Senate on Thursday approved a bill to construct the Keystone XL oil pipeline, defying a presidential veto threat

and setting up the first of many battles with the White House over energy and the environment.

The 62-36 vote on the privately funded Canadian project advanced a top priority of the newly empowered Republicans. The vote still fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to override a presidential veto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Economy

### Canadian dollar slips to lowest point since 2009

The Canadian dollar hit fresh multi-year lows below the 80-cent US level Thursday against an American currency that strengthened on growing conviction the

U.S. Federal Reserve will move to hike rates sooner rather than later.

The loonie shed 0.57 of a cent to 79.3 cents US, its lowest level since late March 2009. The slide added to a three-quarters of a cent plunge on Wednesday, after the Fed said after its policy meeting it would be patient in hiking rates.

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## VOICES

## SEX ED FOR THOSE WHO DON'T LIVE IN CARE-A-LOT

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REPORT

By Rebecca Kohler

How young is too young to learn about sexual consent in Canadian schools?

That's the big debate in Ontario this week, after Premier Kathleen Wynne announced kids as young as six will soon be learning about how body language and facial expressions relate to consent as part of an overhaul to the province's decades-old sex-ed curriculum.

It's unclear if the lessons will be taught verbally or through finger painting, but what's for sure is that it will be taught — and hurrah for that. I consent to consent ed!

Unlike some more progressive provinces whose sex-ed programs have been updated in the past decade, Ontario's was developed in 1998, when cellphones were just shoebox-sized devices used by rich people on TV. The last time the province tried to update the program, it got shelved because of objections from religious groups. The debate was recently reignited when two eighth graders, Lia Valente and Tessa Hill, started a Change.org petition to get the notion of consent discussed in health class.

That's not to say that hot topics of late like Jian Ghomeshi, Bill Cosby and Rehtaeh Parsons haven't played a part in creating an en-

vironment that made this kind of thing seem necessary. If Ghomeshi had been taught about consent from the age of six, maybe he wouldn't currently be awaiting trial; or maybe he's just a sociopath, but it would have been worth a try, wouldn't it?

Not everyone thinks so. Every time the topic of sex education in Ontario schools comes up, there's a backlash featuring a lot of tired, outdated, head-in-the-sand objections from conservatives.

In fact, in 2010, then-premier Dalton McGuinty tried to push a similar program forward but kowtowed to pressure from people such as Charles McVety, head of Canada Christian College, who started a petition against the proposed curriculum and got over 100,000 signatures. McGuinty withdrew the lesson plans. I'm hoping Wynne has bigger ovaries than McGuinty. McVety is all hot and bothered (angry, not aroused) this time around, too.

"We abhor the premier announcing that Ontario's teachers will be forced to teach little children how to give permission ... to engage in sex." I'm abhorred by the fact that a "good" Christian actually thinks teachers will be telling six-year-olds to engage in sex. That is *not* the plan. As Wynne put it, "Starting right in the ... junior grades, kids will be learning listening skills and helping each other to pay attention to facial expressions and ... whether

somebody is positive or negative or happy or sad."

These are skills one could teach in a number of ways; I don't think any Grade 1 teachers will be digging out the dildos or inflating any sexy blow-up dolls. Consent is applicable in many life situations. I once had a co-worker who enjoyed foisting her "famous rice pilaf" on me — wow, do I ever wish she'd had a lesson in reading facial expressions, and for that matter, gag reflexes.

Parents who don't want their kids exposed to the idea of sex at school forget that their kids have another teacher today: the Internet.

Valente and Hill are living in the present, among all the other students from coast-to-coast who can turn on their laptop to watch a gang-bang, under the veil of porn, for sexual entertainment purposes. This stuff makes Penthouse Magazine look like it should be included on the same bookshelf as Goodnight Moon.

Joe Warmington at the Toronto Sun wasn't taken on the fact that Premier Wynne had taken advice from middle-school students.

"A lecture about sex ed from 13-year-olds in a country where legal consent is 16?"

Yes, Joe! That's the point. The fact that 13-year-olds, who are not even legally able to consent, already know that consent, or lack of it, is an issue today is indicative of the fact that

there's a really big problem. Like, come on.

McVety and Warmington aren't alone in their disdain for this development.

Reading blogs and comments on news articles and social media, one will see a lot of sentiments like, "That's too young to start broaching the topic of sex," "Schools should only teach abstinence," "Leave it to the parents to teach kids about sex."

Well, those ideas are all fine and dandy if you live where the Care Bears live, but we live on Earth among humans who can at times be ignorant and dangerous.

And can we take it, from recent events, that parents are teaching their kids about consent? To a parent who wants to do it themselves, I ask this: while you might be teaching your daughter about consent, what if your neighbour is not teaching his son the same principles?

## Correction

In a Voices column published on Jan. 29, Metro mis-identified the authors of a study on terrorism. The authors were from the universities of Ottawa and Toronto, and the co-authors were from the universities of B.C. and Waterloo. Metro regrets the error.

## Happy face/Sad face

From endangered delicacies to adopt-a-cockroach programs, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:



## SALAMANDER SAGA

Police in Shenzhen, China, are in the hot seat for allegedly chowing down on — of all things — endangered salamander at a lavish banquet. Journalists who claim to have caught the feast on camera say they were subsequently beaten up. Fourteen officers have been suspended pending an investigation.



## HE LOVES YOU NOT

The San Francisco Zoo is promoting two unique critters as part of its adopt-an-animal program ahead of Valentine's Day. For \$25 or \$50, people can adopt a hissing cockroach or scorpion, respectively, and have the certificate sent to the person who inspired the adoption ... we're guessing an ex.



## DOUBLE DOWN DOG

KFC continues to out-gross itself with the creation of the Double Down Dog: a hot dog wrapped in a fried-chicken "bun" and drizzled with, dunno, mustard? Cheese sauce? The "delicacy" was made available only in the Philippines, but if it's popular, who knows — it may show up on menus in Canada. Are you brave enough to try it?



## LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

Kathy Beitz, a Guelph, Ont., woman who is legally blind, was able to see her newborn son minutes after his birth, thanks to an amazing eye-wear device produced by Canadian company eSight. Watch the heart-warming video on YouTube.



## PHOTOSHOP FAIL

We're assuming someone at Australian magazine Woman's Day is not a Kate Middleton fan. How else do you explain this horribly photoshopped picture of the inarguably beautiful Duchess of Cambridge? Check out the original photo in the smaller circle.





# January is shaking its bad rap

**Analysis.** The month formerly known as the place bad movies go to die has offered some surprisingly good fare in recent memory

Traditional wisdom has it that January is a dumping ground for bad movies.

"Everyone is broke after shelling out for Christmas presents," the studios say. "The weather is crappy and anyone leaving the house is going to the gym instead of the movies," complain the suits.

That's why clunkers like *One for the Money*, a Katherine Heigl crime drama with a two per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating and *Season of the Witch* — which saw Nicolas Cage go all medieval on the forces of evil and strain his credibility as an actor — made the lives of critics and audiences miserable on long, cold winter nights in bygone Januarys.

Why waste good movies when no one was likely to go?

Years ago studios threw the odd quality film into the January mix — *Traffic*, *Good Will Hunting*, *Before Sunrise*, *Dr. Strangelove* and *Silence of the Lambs* — but every good movie like *Matinee* (92 per cent on RT) was balanced out with a stinker like *Body of Evidence* and its paltry six per cent rating.

There is still that yin and yang as last week's releases of *The Boy Next Door* and *Mortdecai* (two movies that will decorate Worst Of the Year lists) proves,



Michael Bay strategically chose to release his time-travel story, *Project Almanac*, this month. CONTRIBUTED

## In Focus

### RICHARD CROUSE



but the tide seems to be changing.

Perhaps that's why *Project Almanac*, a time-travel drama from producer Michael Bay, moved from a prime July release date to the barren January slate.

Surely Bay, as savvy a player as Hollywood has, wouldn't allow his movie

to be tossed out with the trash.

The reason given for the schedule move was that Bay himself wanted to sprinkle some of his *Transformers*' fairy dust to pump up the film's appeal to young audiences.

But it's also apparent that a micro-budget movie like *Project Almanac*, even with Bay's name attached, could get lost in a summer filled with large-scale offerings like *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*, so why

## Richard's ratings

Black or White

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not release in a less crowded, but increasingly profitable field?

What used to be a time to fill screens with borderline cheesefests has become a viable month to release a movie.

Last year big crowds braved the polar vortex to help the Kevin Hart comedy *Ride Along* set a January opening record.

This year the Oscar-nominated Selma and *Still Alice* have opened wide in a month usually reserved for Golden Raspberry winners.

Perhaps the biggest story of 2015 so far is the success of Clint Eastwood's Chris Kyle biopic, *American Sniper*, which has raked in upwards of \$170 million in just two weeks.

The success of that film is as strong an indicator as Hollywood needs that January is no longer a no-go zone.

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# Costner film poses tough questions about race

**Interview.** Actor used his own money to fund a simple story that made him feel 'more empowered'

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Kevin Costner made the racially-charged drama *Black or White* happen.

In his latest film, he plays Elliot, a recently widowed alcoholic lawyer battling for the custody of his biracial granddaughter, Eloise.

His rival is Rowena (Octavia Spencer), Eloise's paternal grandmother, who thinks she should move from the richest part of Los Angeles to the "black" neighbourhood with her.

But the film doesn't pick sides. "It really impressed me how even-handed the film was," says Costner.

Indeed, every one of Eloise's potential guardians is battling a personal demon



Octavia Spencer and Kevin Costner star in *Black or White*, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

of some kind.

"I just thought it was an honest story from the very first page. I felt like I was reading something really authentic," he adds.

Costner was so drawn to

the script, written by his old The Upside of Anger filmmaker, Mike Binder, that he wound up financing it to ensure it hit the big screen. When no one else came round, he put up his own

money — some \$9 million of it. "I was hoping other people would rush to the movie and see the same potential and value in it that I did, but unfortunately that didn't happen," he says.

## Quoted

**"To say you're colour-blind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."**

Kevin Costner

Not that his character is some white saviour, or even that good. Elliot's battles with Rowena betray his own prejudices.

He thinks Eloise is already "living in one of the safest neighbourhoods in L.A.," he boasts, and shouldn't move to Rowena's part of the city.

"Elliot was comfortable in that environment, visiting and socializing with Eloise's family, but he instinctually still thought his granddaughter would be safer with him," says Costner.

Still, the movie subtly condemns his stance.

"Racism doesn't have to be overt. This is where the veil of racism is lifted, when

he thinks she wouldn't be safe in that 'other' neighbourhood.

"But Elliot travels far in this movie and comes to understand himself better," he adds.

It was a bit of a parallel for Costner who adds that examining those covert attitudes in a narrative made him feel "more empowered."

"People say they're colour-blind when they want to explain they are without prejudice. But to say you're colour-blind is disingenuous. You do see differences. The key is to understand those differences."

The tale may not have been epic enough for big Hollywood studios to take notice, but Costner hopes that audiences will at least be surprised by the film and the things it says.

"It's a simple story about life," he says.

"It doesn't solve anything. It's about the well-being of a child and what's best for the child and race shouldn't be rolled into those sorts of things."

## Now in theatres

Ratings and synopses courtesy of Rotten Tomatoes. For more movie reviews, trailers and news go to [RottenTomatoes.com](http://RottenTomatoes.com).

Ratings: **Certified Fresh:** 🍅 **Fresh:** 🍅 **Rotten:** 🍋 **Audience response:** 🍷 **Audience anticipation for the film:** +

### Drama



#### Black or White

Director. Mike Binder

Stars. Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer

*Black or White* is the story of a grandfather (Kevin Costner) who is suddenly left to care for his beloved granddaughter. When her paternal grandmother (Octavia Spencer) seeks custody with the help of her brother (Anthony Mackie), the girl is torn between two families who love her deeply. With the best intentions at heart, both families fight for what they feel is right and are forced to confront their true feelings about race, forgiveness, and understanding.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 44% Audience: 🍷 89%

### Drama/Action



#### A Most Violent Year

Director. J.C. Chandor

Stars. Oscar Isaac, Jessica Chastain

Set during the winter of 1981 — statistically one of the most crime-ridden of New York City's history — *A Most Violent Year* is a drama following the lives of an immigrant and his family as they attempt to capitalize on the American Dream, while the rampant violence, decay, and corruption of the day drag them in and threaten to destroy all they have built.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 90% Audience: 🍷 76%

### Mystery/Sci-Fi



#### Project Almanac

Director. Dean Israelite

Stars. Sophia Black-D'Elia, Jonny Weston

A brilliant high school student and his friends uncover blueprints for a mysterious device with limitless potential, inadvertently putting lives in danger.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: No reviews yet Audience: 🍷 78%

### Action



#### Mortdecai

Director. David Koepp

Stars. Johnny Depp, Gwyneth Paltrow

Juggling some angry Russians, the British Mi5, his impossibly leggy wife and an international terrorist, debonair art dealer and part-time rogue Charlie Mortdecai (Johnny Depp) must traverse the globe armed only with his good looks and special charm in a race to recover a stolen painting rumoured to contain the code to a lost bank account filled with Nazi gold.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 12% Audience: 🍷 41%

### Animation



#### Strange Magic

Director. Gary Rydstrom

*Strange Magic* is a madcap fairy-tale musical inspired by *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Popular songs from the past six decades help tell the tale of a colorful cast of goblins, elves, fairies and imps, and their hilarious misadventures sparked by the battle over a powerful potion.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 17% Audience: 🍷 55%

### Mystery



#### The Boy Next Door

Director. Neill Fearnley, Rob Cohen

Stars. Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman

Jennifer Lopez leads the cast in *The Boy Next Door*, a psychological thriller that explores a forbidden attraction that goes much too far. Directed by Rob Cohen (*The Fast and the Furious*) and written by Barbara Curry, the film also stars Ryan Guzman, John Corbett and Kristin Chenoweth.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 🍅 13% Audience: 🍷 50%



# Meet the Project Almanac cast

Think you've seen these faces somewhere before? Here, we give you the lowdown on the young actors in producer Michael Bay's new time-travel drama — and tell you where they're all likely to pop up next

MATT PRIGGE

Metro World News in New York City



**The actor:** Sam Lerner  
**The role:** Quinn, the loudmouth comic-relief pal with some ideas about how to abuse their new time-travelling powers.  
**Where you've seen him before:** On the brilliant, but cancelled, Suburgatory and in the L.A. indie Nobody Walks.  
**Where you'll see him next:** Continuing to pop up on The Goldbergs and in the Fatal Attraction-goes-to-high-school thriller Stripped of Innocence.

**The actor:** Virginia Gardner  
**The role:** Christina, David's younger sister and the group's go-to camera operator.  
**Where you've seen her before:** Here and there on shows like Glee, The Goldbergs and Hart of Dixie.  
**Where you'll see her next:** The coming-of-age drama Good Kids.



**The actor:** Jonny Weston  
**The role:** David, the brainiac hero of the story with some unresolved issues about his dad's mysterious death.  
**Where you've seen him before:** Catching waves in Chasing Mavericks and romancing Juliette Lewis in Kelly & Cal.  
**Where you'll see him next:** Joining the YA dystopia in Insurgent and opposite Zac Efron in We Are Your Friends.

## The 10 best time-travel movies of all (ahem) time

Project Almanac enters a proud pantheon of movies that tackle the super-fun and super-speculative world of time travel, but how does it stack up against its predecessors? We tallied up the 10 best takes on time travel of all time. And what do you know? The characters in Project Almanac even name-check our No. 1, calling it, "Awesome."

1. Looper (2012)
2. Twelve Monkeys (1995)
3. Time Bandits (1981)
4. Primer (2004)
5. Back to the Future (1985)
6. Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991)
7. Midnight in Paris (2011)
8. Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989)
9. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004)
10. X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014)

**The actor:** Allen Evangelista  
**The role:** Adam, David's other comic-relief pal, though less loudmouthed and comic than Quinn.  
**Where you've seen him before:** On television in The Secret Life of the American Teenager and Zoey 101.  
**Where you'll see him next:** He just popped up again on Brooklyn Nine-Nine, which could become a regular thing.



**The actor:** Sofia Black-D'Elia  
**The role:** Jessie Pierce, the hottest and coolest girl in school. Everybody loves her.  
**Where you've seen her before:** On television in the U.S. version of Skins and here and there on Gossip Girl.  
**Where you'll see her next:** Fighting an outbreak in Viral and going biblical in Ben-Hur.

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The latest dump of snow may have left you some extra time to read a dense classic novel, experiment with an elaborate meal or do some serious housework. But who are we kidding? You'll probably veg out in front of your television, dialling up whatever's streaming. Rather than binge-watch TV, here are some epics — in some cases, film series — that will burn up gobs of your time

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## There Will Be Blood

After starting off with brash young man films (including *Boogie Nights* and *Magnolia*) indebted to masters like Robert Altman and Martin Scorsese, Paul Thomas Anderson found his voice and then some with this snaky look at an oil prospector (Daniel Day-Lewis) driven by greed as well as his innate hatred of other people. Opening with a dialogue-free stretch, it ends in one of the funnier/crazier screen chats. (Also recommended on Instant: Anderson's *The Master*.)



## Cleopatra

It's not that bad! This 1963 Liz Taylor monstrosity is by now well into the black, even if that took ages. And even if it can be a drag, it has segments where the pageantry seems worth it — and eventually things turn meta. The fourth and final hour is a weirdly mesmerizing slow crawl in which Taylor's Cleo and Richard Burton's Marc Antony anguish over finishing a war (or is it a movie?) for which no one has much passion any longer.



## Once Upon a Time in the West

King of spaghetti Westerns Sergio Leone followed up his *Man with No Name* trilogy with an even sturdier epic, which subs in Charles Bronson for Clint Eastwood and files one of the great cast-against-type stunts, with Henry Fonda as a cold-blooded enforcer introduced as he kills an adorable kid. Even better, it's a hypnotic look at capitalism settling the West even more violently than any outlaw. And it allows the Italian director to actually roam around Monument Valley — the old stomping grounds of the genre's arguable king, John Ford.



## Lawrence of Arabia

David Lean's elephantine study of T.E. Lawrence (Peter O'Toole, all coiled intensity and super-blue eyes) demands to be seen on the biggest screen possible. But your massive television, over an HD signal, should do in a pinch. Its peerless desert imagery tends to get all the press, but it's also one of Hollywood's most complex character studies, observing a man driven by both heroic and less heroic tendencies.



# 8

long movies for  
long winter nights

## Intolerance

D.W. Griffith helped invent numerous major narrative devices to cinema with *The Birth of a Nation*. For a less retroactively queasy and nearly as important spectacle, one can take in his ambitious followup, which cuts around four stories from different periods, the most striking being his lavish, no-expense-spared recreation of Babylon.



## Jeanne Dielman, 26 quai du Commerce, 1080 Bruxelles

There aren't many glacial art films lurking on streaming sites, but the Criterion Collection's alleyway on Hulu offers a handful. If you really want to feel time disintegrate, then behold one of the masterworks of minimalism: Chantal Akerman's three-and-a-half hour feminist study of a stay-at-home mom. Occasionally she turns tricks as a prostitute, but she mostly fills her days with menial chores. Watch her cut up potatoes for three minutes or go buy groceries for a meal her student son will chow on without comment. Sounds boring? After enough time with the film, every tiny thing Seyrig does becomes hypnotic.



## The Human Condition

Clocking in at some 10 hours over six parts, this take on Junpei Gomikawa's six-volume novel is the devastating tale of an ordinary Japanese man suffering through the Second World War, from a brutal boot camp to an even more brutal POW camp to the battlefield and to a dreamlike finale. It will take you all day, but you will leave stuffed. (Also recommended on Hulu: Akira Kurosawa's comparatively more manageable *Seven Samurai*.)



## The 'Up' Series

America turned Boyhood, made over 12 years, into a surprise money-gobbler. Meet its even more dedicated cousin. Since 1964, the same film crew — led by director Michael Apter — has caught up with the same group of kids every seven years, asking them how they're doing, how their life has changed and seeing how they've measured up to their youthful vision of their future. (Spoiler: Aging sucks.) If watched in one, epic battering ram, the results are disturbingly cosmic: Watch, among other downers, as a perky, cute kid sours into a cynical wanderer only to find some watered-down form of salvation.





# Kinky sex can be funny, disturbing or loving

**Sinful sizzle.** Movies that explore the world of alternative sexuality often tell deeper tales of human connection

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While negatively reviewing Ken Russell's wildly kinky 1984 thriller *Crimes of Passion*, the late, great Roger Ebert said, "sex is an activity of great and serious importance to its participants but, as a spectator sport, it has a strange way of turning into comedy."

Certainly, Russell, enfant terrible that he was, took great delight in orchestrating scenes of graphic, unnatural S&M sexuality in that bizarre film. But *Crimes of Passion* was not camp.

It was really just one of many controversial motion pictures that use extreme kink as a tool to tell deeper

tales of extreme human connection.

With the release of Peter Strickland's deeply kinky romance *The Duke of Burgundy*, opening soon across Canada, and the filmed adaptation of E.L. James' *Fifty Shades of Grey* opening on Valentine's Day weekend, we take a look at some of the big screen's most excessive forays into alternative carnal knowledge.

## **The Night Porter (1974)**

Liliana Cavani's dark, controversial sado-masochistic drama is as demented as they come, detailing an ongoing relationship between a concentration camp survivor played by Charlotte Rampling and her former Nazi captor. Love stories don't get stranger than this. And yes, Ebert hated it.

## **Blue Velvet (1986)**

David Lynch's masterpiece of small-town mystery and murder is, at its core, an S&M love triangle. But while Dennis Hopper's wheezing villain Frank Booth treats Isabella Rossellini as an outlet



**The Duke of Burgundy is a master-slave lesbian romance, and a must-see film, says critic Chris Alexander. CONTRIBUTED**

for his violent insanity, her masochistic lovemaking with Kyle McLachlan is tender and affectionate. A work of great beauty — and perversity.

## **Exit to Eden (1994)**

Sitcom king Gary Marshall

takes Anne Rice's moving and hyper-erotic sado-masochistic romance novel and, seemingly agreeing with Ebert's sentiments, flips it into a sex-soaked slapstick comedy, inventing goofball roles for Rosie O'Donnell and Dan

Akroyd as leather-clad cops snooping around an S&M resort, and decimating the dirty dignity of the book. Rice was none too pleased.

## **Nymphomaniac (2014)**

Lars von Trier's magnum

## **The Duke of Burgundy**

Peter Strickland's gorgeously designed and directed master-slave lesbian romance is a delicate, surreal examination of an older intellectual and her youthful protégée, with the older woman trying to hold on to her lover by indulging in her basest perverted fantasies. Although decidedly adult, there is refreshingly no nudity or explicit sex in the film. Never has the idea of a human toilet seemed so innocent. A must-see.

pornographic opus is in essence an inspiring study in female empowerment, although one exploding with jaw-dropping sequences of mind-bending kinky sex and violence. Charlotte Gainsbourg delivers the performance of a lifetime, even when using her body as a receptacle for some of the most extreme debauchery ever seen on screen.



**Johnny Depp is in Tokyo, Japan to promote his latest film, Mortdecai. EUGENE HOSHIKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Depp battled a nasty cold, but survived to tell the tale

**Premiere.** After missing Japanese press event, *Mortdecai* star blames an attack from a legendary creature

Johnny Depp has recovered from a cold. And a chupacabra attack.

The actor was all smiles while joking Wednesday with journalists in Tokyo about why he was a no-show at a

news conference a day earlier. Depp had been ill but said that wasn't the reason.

"I was attacked yesterday morning by a very rarely seen or experienced animal called chupacabra. I fought with it for hours. They're very persistent, very mean. And I'm pretty sure it came in my suitcase. I threw him off the 23rd floor. So we'll never see him again. Thank you for understanding," he said.

The chupacabra is a legendary creature rumoured

## **Mortdecai**

*Mortdecai* tanked at the box office in North America, but Depp has a huge fan base in Japan and hopes the film will be received well there. It will be re-released in Japan on Feb. 6.

to inhabit parts of the Americas. Depp's tale drew laughs from the crowd of reporters.

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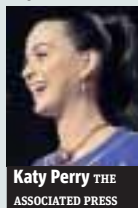
## Celebs converge on Phoenix

The desert is great for stargazing, and that will certainly be the case as the Super Bowl takes over Phoenix and its suburbs.

Comedians Joel McHale and Kevin Hart will crack jokes for partygoers, and Jamie Foxx and Drake will hold court at a pair of lounges at a swanky Scottsdale hotel.

## Hear Katy Perry roar

Katy Perry says her Super Bowl halftime performance will make you Roar — with animals.



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The singer told reporters at a press conference Thursday that her performance Sunday will include “a lion and sharks.”

Perry, 30, said she feels blessed to perform on the Super Bowl stage “at such a young age.” She said she enjoyed past Super Bowl performances from Beyoncé and Madonna, and what she adds “is some lightheartedness.”

Lenny Kravitz will join the pop star who said her performance will also include an “old-school” female singer.

When asked if Perry had been checking out football players this week, she imitated Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch, saying: “I’m just here so I don’t get fined.”

## Music for the masses

Performances by top artists aren’t just for gala or party invitees. Several paid concerts are scheduled for the days before the game.

DirectTV hosts a three-day music festival that culminates with a Friday night show featuring Snoop Dogg and Imagine Dragons. Performers on other days include the Zac Brown Band, Calvin Harris and Jason Derulo.

Twelve blocks of downtown Phoenix are being transformed into the Verizon Super Bowl Central, a free area with NFL-themed attractions and nightly fireworks shows. Pepsi has set up its Hyped for Halftime Stage which will feature performances by The Roots, Walk the Moon and other acts daily.

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# Splashy ads grab major YouTube views

## Super Bowl ads.

Canadians go online to watch the commercials they can’t see on TV

JESSICA SMITH CROSS  
Metro in Toronto

Searching the Internet for the American Super Bowl commercials Canadians don’t get on TV on has become a national pastime, but that’s about to change.

Five years of Google search data shows that every year, more Canadians search Google for Super Bowl commercials than Americans and our searches outnumber our giant neighbour to the south the most around game day, when Canadian broadcasters have been subbing out splashy American ads for Canadian ones.

That hunger for American ads is why the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission announced Thursday it will stop Canadian broadcasters from subbing in Canadian ads for American ones during the Super Bowl as of 2017.

“The best commercials are coming from the U.S. where they have more skin in the game, given what they’re paying for advertising,” said Kenneth Wong, Professor of Marketing at Queen’s School of Business.

“In fact, many of the Canadian ads shown at the Super Bowl are just regular ads, nothing special done for the Super Bowl.”

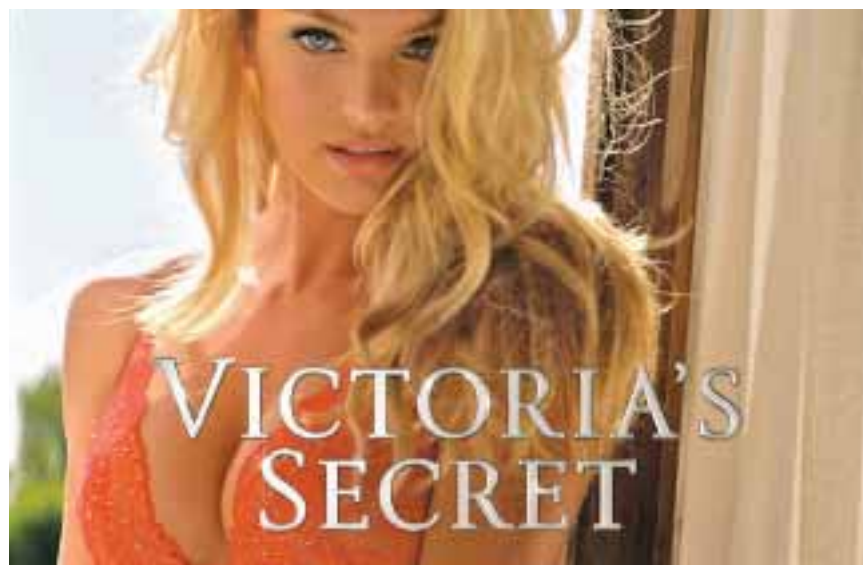
In the meantime, it’s become more important for Super Bowl ads to make the most of the buzz online, he said. More companies are making “teasers,” which are essentially online ads for their Super Bowl ads.

## Weekend of music. Pop star Charli XCX playing three Super Bowl gigs

Grammy-nominated singer Charli XCX is one of Super Bowl week’s most sought-after acts, with at least three performances scheduled.

The pop singer is singing for troops Friday night at Luke Air Force base and performing a set at ESPN’s bash later that night. On Saturday, she’ll perform for partygoers at Rolling Stone’s bash.

The ESPN party on Friday



A Victoria's Secret 90-second teaser ad showed supermodels fully dressed as football players, although the actual Super Bowl ad shows the models dressed in Victoria's Secret lingerie. VICTORIA'S SECRET/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Carnival Cruise Lines is trying to boost its image with its first-ever Super Bowl ad after several years of bad publicity from illnesses on cruise ships and the sinking of the Costa Concordia wreck in 2012. CARNIVAL CRUISE LINES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For example, Victoria’s Secret filmed an online spot of its models playing football that is just as a teaser for its main ad during the game.

“When you’re spending \$4.5 million on a single exposure of a national ad, you want to do everything possible to make sure that ad is seen by people,” Wong said. “So, you

make an ad for an ad.”

More than 70-million total minutes of Super Bowl ads — and teasers for ads — have been watched on YouTube so far, which is nearly triple the amount watched by this time last year, Google reports.

According to Cheri Bradish, research chair in sport marketing, Ted Rogers School of

Management, the immense popularity of online Super Bowl ads goes hand-in-hand with a shift away from watching sports on TV to watching sports on other platforms.

“The paradigm is clearly shifted in how consumers, particularly young consumers, are consuming sports,” she said.



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## Invite-only. Rihanna to headline private concert

For many Super Bowl parties, you’ve got to know someone to get inside.

Rihanna headlines one of the weekend’s biggest private concerts, DirecTV’s Super Saturday Night, which has previously featured performances by Jay-Z and Beyoncé, Justin Timberlake, and this year’s halftime performer, Katy Perry.

Rolling Stone, Maxim and Playboy magazines are among the invite-only parties this week.

## 5 ads worth talking about

In general, ads released online so far are on par in terms of quality, but with less emphasis on high production value than in recent years, said Wong. He believes companies find using celebrities in their ads — such as Kim Kardashian and Pierce Brosnan — a more effective way to create an impact.

- **Kia Sorento.** Pierce Brosnan stars as himself and gets lampooned when offered an acting part: Where he’s expecting action, it’s a more mundane car ad. “It’s a perfect counterpoint to his James Bond image,” said Wong.
- **T-Mobile.** Kim Kardashian, satirizes herself advertising a feature that allows T-Mobile users to save the data allowance they didn’t use in a month by talking, deadpan, about all of the pictures of her they could be using it on.
- **Wix.com.** Wong’s pick for best ad so far. Retired football players use Wix.com to easily build websites to jumpstart their wacky choices of second careers. For example, Brett Farve gets into charcuterie, and builds favreandcarve.com, which exists in real life.
- **Carl’s Jr.** This ad showing model Charlotte McKinney walking apparently naked through a farmers market has faced criticism for using sex to sell burgers.
- **GoDaddy.** GoDaddy pulled its ad featuring a puppy mill using GoDaddy to host its website after it caused an outrage among tweeting animal rights activists.

## Carnival to the stars

Some celebrities and athletes will also get to indulge their inner child at Neon Carnival, a star-friendly event that features rides, games and dance music — and a stringent guest list.

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## Top 5 banned Super Bowl ads

With millions of dollars spent on Super Bowl ads and companies trying to have the edgiest commercials, there are some that are so raunchy they never make it to air.

Many of these ads contain content that may not be suitable for prime time television in the United States, but have found a permanent home online.

Here are the top five Super Bowl ads that were banned from television.

### Skechers 2011

(Kim Kardashian)

In 2011, Kim Kardashian did a commercial for Skechers. Yes, Skechers. Somehow nobody will ever remember the shoes, but the ad will live forever.

### PETA, 2009

In 2009, animal rights organization PETA created a very sexy ad involving women in lingerie handling vegetables in provocative ways. We got the message, but the commercial was too hot for TV.

### Bud Light, 2010

This banned ad by Bud Light featured corporate men who were told they would receive a can of Bud Light for each article of clothing they donated. There were a lot of naked middle-aged men walking around the office that day. All for a can of Bud Light.

### Bud Light, 2006

This banned commercial from Bud Light didn't involve nudity, but it did involve someone opening bottles of beer with their rear end. We can't make this stuff up.

### Go Daddy, 2007

This Go Daddy ad featured a hot model wearing

cut-off shorts and mimicking a scene from Basic Instinct.

Yes, that scene.

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Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## Bieber opens up, says he was just pretending to be a doofus

A recent visit to Ellen apparently prompted Justin Bieber to take to Facebook to record a dimly lit confessional video detailing his personal insecurities about how he's come off over the past year.

And he's just trying to be Justin, guys.

"It's been a minute since I've been in a public ap-

pearance, and I didn't want to come off arrogant or conceited — basically how I've been acting the past year, year and a half," he says of his interview with Ellen DeGeneres.

"I'm not what I was pretending to be. Why I say I was pretending is, often we pretend to be something we're not, as a cover-up of

what we're truly feeling inside. And there was a lot of feelings going on in there. ... Just being young and growing up in this business is hard. Just growing up in general is hard."

If this is how he reacts to a sit-down with DeGeneres, maybe this whole Comedy Central roast thing isn't such a great idea.

## Third Middleton tries to prove his life isn't soft as a marshmallow

When you think of the name Middleton, you think Kate, right? Beyond that, probably Pippa. But don't forget about James. Can being the younger brother to the Duchess of Cambridge — one of the most famous women in the world — be a bit frustrating?

"Yes, it does get frustrating," James Middleton tells iPad magazine The Young Director. "I work incredibly hard — just like every other person in business and work. And aside from the fact of — yes, I am the brother of someone very important — I am, at the end of the day, just James."

So have some sympathy, you guys. And speaking of business and

work, what is it James is up to these days?

Running his startup, Boomf, which allows Instagram users to get their photos printed on marshmallows. Yes, you read that correctly.

"I have only ever employed myself," James says proudly and without a hint of irony.

James Middleton



## Black Sabbath Geezer just can't quit being a bad boy

All the names in this story are just so, so perfect: The band? Black Sabbath. The band member? Geezer Butler. The location? Death Valley. Sabbath's 65-year-old Butler was arrested this week for getting into a bar fight in a saloon Death Valley because of course he did.

A police press statement reads. "It was determined that there had been an argument that escalated into a physical confrontation — resulting in an individual being struck, and a broken window. Terence Michael Butler, a 65-year-old man from Beverly Hills, Calif., was arrested for misdemeanor assault, public intoxication



Geezer Butler

and vandalism. Butler was booked into the Inyo County jail and released after detox and citation."

Keep on rocking.

## Brad and Angie to get their act together yet again

Apparently the one thing holding Brad Pitt and Angelina back from trying to recapture that Mr. and Mrs. Smith on-screen magic was not actually being married, since now that they've tied the knot they can't seem to stop working together. The pair spent

their honeymoon filming the romantic drama By the Sea, which Jolie also directed, and now Pitt is in talks to star in Jolie's next directorial effort, Africa, according to The Wrap. I guess when she finds an actor she likes, she really sticks with him.



Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

## That's a whole Lautner of girlfriends

The folks behind Twilight star Taylor Lautner keep trying really, really hard to make sure there's some sort of female companionship in his life. While he recently "broke up" with his Tracers co-star Marie Avgeropoulos, Lautner is now apparently "dating" 20-year-old model Raina Lawson. "It's new," a source tells E! News. And, I mean, how could it not be? He also previously "dated" his Abduction co-star Lily Collins and Valentine's Day co-star Taylor Swift. Are we sensing a pattern here? So far as I know, though, Lautner and Lawson haven't been filming anything together, so she bucks the trend.



Taylor Lautner

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## Cosy meets show-stopping in one dish

**Lunch or dinner.** Crab Chowder in a Sourdough Bread Bowl makes for an impressive presentation



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Chef Ricardo  
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Hearty, filling and warm: Isn't that what everyone is craving this time of year? This show-stopping crab and sourdough recipe makes a perfect meal soup for a cold winter's day.

1. In saucepan over medium heat, soften leek and carrot in

### Ingredients

- 1 leek, white part only, finely chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup (35 g) flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) chicken broth
- 2 cups (500 ml) milk
- 2 cups (330 g) potatoes, peeled and diced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3/4 lb (375 g) fresh crab meat OR 3 cans (120 g/4 oz each) crab meat, drained
- 1 cup (135 g) corn kernels
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) 35% cream
- 4 slices bacon, cut crosswise into small pieces
- 4 small round loaves sourdough



This recipe serves four. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

butter. Season with salt and pepper. Dust with flour and stir to combine. Add broth and bring to boil while whisking. Add milk, potatoes and thyme.

2. Slowly bring back to boil and simmer gently, frequently scraping bottom of pan, until veggies tender, about 15 min-

utes. Add crab, corn and cream. Simmer 5 minutes. Remove thyme and adjust seasoning.

3. Meanwhile, in skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels.

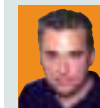
4. On clean surface, slice top off each bread loaf. Using fin-

gers, hollow out loaves, leaving 1 inch (2.5 cm) of crumb all around. Ladle hot soup into bread bowls. Sprinkle with bacon bits.

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### Liquid Assets

## Chowder's liquid partner



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Pairing wine with liquid-centric meals can be tricky business — even when it comes to a heartier, protein-based staple like chowder.

Though populated with chunks of seafood, this classic winter warmer still has fluidity that can water down a wine.

As with any food and wine pairing, use the ingredient that has the most influence in the dish as your guide.

In Chef Ricardo's Crab Chowder recipe, featured this week, it's a combination of the shellfish and the creaminess of the broth.

Both components work best with a white wine.

The apple fruit found in a glass of German Riesling will make a great partner, as would a French or New World Chardonnay, especially one that highlights the grape's rich mouth-feel rather than oak aging.

Louis Latour's 2012 Bourgogne Chardonnay (\$19.95 - \$26.79) is aged in stainless steel, putting the focus on its bright flavour profile which will work wonders with the recipe's creamy texture and the sweetness of the crab meat. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



This recipe makes four servings. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

## Clams soup up mealtime

1. In a large saucepan, brown the bacon in the oil until crisp. Remove the bacon with a slotted spoon. Set aside on a paper towel.

2. In the same saucepan, soften the onion and garlic in the bacon fat until the onion is translucent. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle in the flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Add the clam juice and bring to a boil, stirring constantly.

3. Add the water and potatoes

and bring to boil. Simmer for about 20 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Add the clams and cream and simmer

for 2 to 3 minutes. Adjust the seasoning. Garnish with bacon and serve with toasted bread.

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### Ingredients

- 4 slices bacon, about 1/4 inch (1/2 cm) thick, cut into lardons
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 2 cans (8 1/2 oz/240 ml each) clam juice
- 1 cup (250 ml) water
- 2 large potatoes, peeled and diced (3 cups/450 g, approximately)
- 2 cans (5 oz/142 g each) clams, drained (discard the liquid)
- 1 cup (250 ml) 15% cooking cream
- Salt and pepper



## Seattle Super Seven Dip. Snack for the Seahawks

In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium heat, 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Add the onion and cook, stirring frequently, until well browned and caramelized, about 15 to 20 minutes. If the onion begins to stick, add a tablespoon of water and continue to cook. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, combine the cabbage and chives. In another bowl, whisk together the jam, vinegar, a pinch each of salt and pepper, the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil, and a splash of hot sauce.

To assemble the dip, spread the crab over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Drizzle with the teriyaki sauce. Spread the whipped cream cheese over the crab, spreading evenly to the edge of the bowl. Spread the caramelized onions evenly over the cream cheese, then top with the chopped smoked mussels. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for

### Ingredients

- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cups finely grated red cabbage
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped fresh chives
- 3 tablespoons blackberry jam
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Splash of hot sauce
- 16 ounces well-drained crab meat, preferably Dungeness
- 1/2 cup teriyaki sauce
- 6 ounces smoked mussels, lightly chopped

up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through. Arrange cabbage mixture over the top and drizzle with blackberry vinaigrette. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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The Seattle Super Seven Dip, left, is made with teriyaki-seasoned Dungeness crabmeat, cream cheese, caramelized onions, smoked mussels, purple cabbage slaw and blackberry vinaigrette. It takes about 30 minutes to make. The New England dip is made with barbecued pulled pork, sautéed apples and butter. It takes about 1-1/2 hours. Both dips serve 16 people. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## New England Super Seven Dip. Pig out for the Patriots

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the pork tenderloin with the broth. Bring to a simmer, then cover and cook until very tender, about 45 minutes. Discard the broth. Using 2 forks, shred the meat, then transfer to a medium bowl. Add the barbecue sauce and toss until coated.

While the pork cooks, prepare the other ingredients. In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, beating until smooth and fluffy. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the apples and cook until just tender. In a small bowl, stir together the corn kernels, scallions and hot sauce.

To assemble the dip, spread the corn mixture over the bottom of a large, shallow baking dish. Top with the pork, then with the apples. Spread the whipped cream cheese evenly over the apples, spreading to the edge.

Spoon the baked beans

### Ingredients

- 1 pound pork tenderloin, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 3/4 cup barbecue sauce
- 8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 cup thawed corn kernels, well drained
- 3 thinly sliced scallions
- Splash of hot sauce
- 15-ounce can baked beans, partially drained
- 1 1/2 cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese
- 2/3 cup crumbled crisp-cooked bacon

over the cream cheese, then top with the cheddar and bacon. If making ahead, wrap and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. When ready to serve, heat the oven to 350 F. Bake for 20 minutes, or until warmed through.

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# Effective in different ways

## Contrasting coaches.

Belichick, Carroll have risen to the top in their profession with football IQ that 'is way up there'

Put Bill Belichick behind a microphone and he's C-SPAN — minus the information.

Pete Carroll is more like a Lifetime movie. Or, as defensive lineman Michael Bennett puts it, "He has that Benjamin



Bill Belichick  
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Button effect on everyone." The Super Bowl coaches approach their obligations to the public and media from opposite ends.

Belichick, coaching for his fourth championship in New England, is dry, offers little to no insight and rarely makes anyone laugh. Carroll, looking for his second straight title, is a high-fiving, fist-bumping extrovert who started one of his news conferences this week with a welcoming, "What's up?!"

Different styles have produced similar results, though.

Belichick is making his



Under head coach Pete Carroll, the Seahawks are being mentioned as a possible dynasty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

sixth Super Bowl appearance as a head coach and his Patriots are as close as there is to a dynasty in the current NFL. Carroll's team is being mentioned as a possible dynasty, as well, and that notion will only gain steam if the Seahawks win Sunday and become the first back-to-back champions since New England in 2003-04.

Dissimilar as they are, they

have both built their teams on a foundation of unflinching candour inside their locker and meeting rooms — a quality Carroll brings to some of his public speaking, but one that Belichick eschews.

"What you see on TV is what you get, pretty much, from the two," said Patriots cornerback Brandon Browner, who previously played for

Carroll in Seattle. "They have similarities too, though. Their football IQ is way up there. They are so different, but at the same time, they're the same. That's why they both have succeeded at this level."

Patriots owner Robert Kraft, who hired Carroll back in 1997, then Belichick in 2000, called his former coach, "pretty special to be around. A

## Regular-season statistics



SEAHAWKS		PATRIOTS
12-4	Record	12-4
375.8 (9th)	Total offence	365.5 (11th)
267.1 (1st)	Total defence	344.1 (13th)
24.6 (10th)	Points	29.2 (4th)
15.9 (1st)	Points against	19.6 (8th)

\* Rankings are based on per-game averages from NFL.com

lot of fun."

He feels he set Carroll back by not giving him the full control he wanted, and the owner adjusted his style when he made the next hire.

Everyone benefited: Belichick and the Patriots — and Carroll and Seattle.

There's no big mystery to all this coaching success, Belichick insists.

"It's about players making the plays that your team needs to win," he said. "I think as a coach, you want to make sure you don't screw that up."

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# Lynch explains why he doesn't talk

Marshawn Lynch changed the script and fired back at his critics.

After two days of giving only scripted answers, the Seattle Seahawks' star running back gave his most extensive comments of Super Bowl week, mostly telling reporters why he won't talk to them.

"I don't know what story y'all trying to get out of me. I don't know what image y'all trying to portray of me," Lynch said Thursday. "But it don't matter what y'all think, what y'all say about me because when I go home at night, the

## Fines add up

# \$100K

In November, the NFL fined Lynch \$50,000 for violations of the league's media policy in addition to collecting the \$50,000 fine that was imposed against Lynch for violations last season.

same people that I look in the face — my family that I love, that's all that really matter to me. So y'all can go make up whatever y'all want to make up because I don't say enough

for y'all to go and put anything out on me."

When Lynch arrived at the podium, a man with a reporter's credential who said he was a teacher asked him to give his students a "shout-out."

But Lynch wouldn't bite and began his unscripted statement.

"Y'all shove cameras and microphones down my throat," Lynch continued. "But when I'm at home in my environment, I don't see y'all, but y'all mad at me. And if you ain't mad at me, then

what y'all here for? I ain't got nothing for y'all, though. I told y'all that."

Lynch, who had spurned reporters' efforts to get him to talk at mandatory news conferences Tuesday and Wednesday, seemed frustrated that they were still trying.

"I'm here preparing for a game. And y'all want to ask me these questions, which is understandable. I could get down with that. But I told y'all. I'm not about to say nothing ... All of my requirements are fulfilled."

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Marshawn Lynch spoke Thursday, largely ignoring reporters' questions. MATT YORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**SUPER BOWL XLIX**

# Sizing up the competition

The extremes between the players in Sunday's Super Bowl THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Weight

**Heaviest**

**335 lbs.**

New England offensive lineman  
Marcus Cannon

**Lightest**

**185 lbs.**

Seattle defensive back Marcus Burley

## Height



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**Tallest**

**6'8"**

New England offensive linemen Sebastian Vollmer — pictured above towering over his teammates — and Nate Solder

**Shortest**

**5'10"**

Twelve players clock in at this height (six on each team)

## Paycheque

**Highest-paid offence**

**\$14.1M**

The average annual salary of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady

**Highest-paid defence**

**\$14M**

The average annual salary of Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman

**Lowest paid**

**\$420K**

The average annual salary of undrafted rookies on both teams



# Willson, Ryan represent true north

## Canadian content.

Punter says his second Super Bowl "is really a dream come true"

Canada will have a pair of players to root for in the Super Bowl for the second straight season: Seahawks tight end Luke Willson and punter Jon Ryan.

Willson, who grew up outside Windsor, Ont., made his way to the NFL after play-

ing at Rice University, where he learned a quick lesson in how big football is in the United States.

"It was pretty intense, especially coming from Canada," Willson said. "It was a very, very different atmosphere. Football is almost like a religion down there."

Ryan, of Regina, Sask., never got to experience football in America until he ended up in the NFL — with Green Bay in 2006 — by way of the CFL and the University of Regina.

## Quoted

**"It was kind of cool ... to have that many people care about the game of football."**

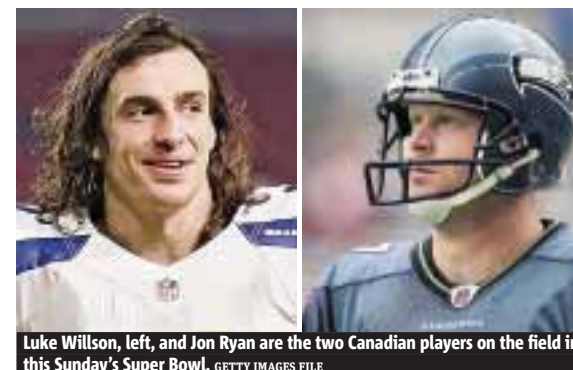
Luke Willson, who grew up in Windsor, Ont., about the moment he realized the game is "almost a religion" in the U.S., when he played for Rice University.

"Growing up in Canada, I never thought I'd have the opportunity to play in the NFL," said Ryan, who threw a touchdown pass on a trick

play in Seattle's comeback win over the Packers in the NFC Championship. "Now to have been playing here for nine years, playing in my second Super Bowl is really a dream come true."

The Seahawks have one other foreign-born player on its roster: Defensive lineman Jesse Williams, who was born in Brisbane, Australia. He spent the season on injured reserve after injuring his knee during fall camp.

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Luke Willson, left, and Jon Ryan are the two Canadian players on the field in this Sunday's Super Bowl. GETTY IMAGES FILE



Flyers defenceman Michael Del Zotto, left, takes the puck from Jets captain Andrew Ladd on Thursday in Philadelphia. TOM MIHALEK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Flyers soar higher than Jets in Philly

**NHL.** Perreault's pair of goals not nearly enough for Winnipeg to avoid second straight loss

Wayne Simmonds, Chris VandeVelde, Nick Schultz and Brayden Schenn scored, leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-2 win over the Win-

On Thursday	
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Flyers	Jets

nipeg Jets on Thursday night. Sean Couturier added an

empty-netter as Philadelphia won for the fourth time in five games while trying to make a desperate run at a playoff berth.

Mathieu Perreault scored twice for the Jets.

Schultz snapped a tie game in the second period with his first goal of the season, ending a 125-game drought. Petra Straka got his first NHL point on the assist,

and Ryan White also had his first assist of the season on the goal.

Steve Mason made 36 saves for his second win in two games, though his first as a starter since Jan. 8. He had been sidelined with a knee injury and got the win against Arizona on Tuesday in relief of a shaky Ray Emery.

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## Crime. Hernandez trial underway in Massachusetts

With his ex-teammates about to play in the Super Bowl, former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez went on trial on murder charges Thursday, watching from the defence table as prosecutors said DNA on a shell casing and security-camera video from his own home connect him to the crime.

Hernandez's lawyer countered that the NFL player had "the world at his feet" and had no reason to kill. He repeatedly told jurors that the athlete is innocent and said authorities "locked" in on him as a suspect early on, ignored evidence and conducted a "sloppy and unprofessional" investigation.

Hernandez, 25, is charged in the 2013 shooting death of Odin Lloyd, a 27-year-old semipro football player who was dating the sister of Hernandez's fiancée. Lloyd's bullet-riddled body was found in an industrial park near Hernandez's North Attleborough, Mass., home.

Hernandez — who had a \$40 million contract as a tight end but was cut by the Patriots just hours after his



Opening statements were made Thursday as former New England Patriot Aaron Hernandez went on trial for murder. GETTY IMAGES FILE

2013 arrest — could get life in prison if convicted.

In a separate murder case that has yet to come to trial, Hernandez was charged last year in Boston with killing two men in 2012 after someone spilled a drink on him at a nightclub.

Prosecutors in this trial have suggested that Lloyd may have been killed because he knew too much about that crime. But the judge has ruled that prosecutors cannot tell the jury about those slayings.

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### NHL

#### Bernier bumbles way to Leafs loss

For the balance of their losing streak, the Toronto Maple Leafs were done in by goals they didn't score.

It reached eight because of goals Jonathan Bernier should not have allowed. Oliver Ekman-Larsson scored from the red-line and Martin Hanzal from the goal-line as the Leafs lost to the Arizona Coyotes 3-1 Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### NHL

#### Pacioretty saves Habs from Rangers

Max Pacioretty broke up a scoreless deadlock with 4:17 left to lift the Montreal Canadiens to a 1-0 win over the New York Rangers on Thursday night. Pacioretty sent a wrist shot from above the right circle that appeared to surprise Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist and squeeze inside the right post for his 22nd goal.

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# Murray has last word in heated semi

## Australian Open.

Brit advances to final after beating Berdych in a match that will be remembered for expletives, complaints

Andy Murray's four-set win over Tomas Berdych at the Australian Open on Thursday will be remembered more for the tension between the players than the shot-making on the court.

There were the usual expletives from Murray, but this time his fiancée, Kim Sears, appeared to mouth several from the player's box, too.

Asked at a news conference about Sears using "Anglo-Saxon adjectives," Murray said media hype in the lead-up to the match added to the tension for everybody involved.

"It's completely normal that, yeah, the whole first set everyone was tight. My physical trainer, physio ... Even Tomas, who very rarely says anything on the court, there was tension there for

## Quoted

**"This is sport; there's more to life than sport. It was a little unfair and created extra tension."**

Andy Murray blamed the media for making a bigger deal of his former coach Dani Vallverdu's move to Tomas Berdych in November

him, as well," Murray said. "Yeah, in the heat of the moment you can say stuff that you regret. And, yeah, that's it."

There were also complaints from Berdych about the balls — the umpire checked them, no problem.

And then there was an attempt by Berdych at some mild-mannered trash-talking as the players swapped ends after he captured the first set.

Berdych muttered something as the two men crossed, causing an annoyed Murray to complain loudly to the umpire, Pascal Maria. When Maria asked Berdych what he said, he responded, "Good play, Tomas. That's all I said."

That was pretty much the



Andy Murray, left, and Tomas Berdych were the only ones on the court for their match, but there were others involved in a war of words. PAUL CROCK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

end of the good play from Berdych in the match. The Czech player went on to lose his fourth Grand Slam semifinal — and second in a row

at the Australian Open — 6-7 (6), 6-0, 6-3, 7-5.

Murray will be playing in his fourth final at Melbourne Park against either Novak

Djokovic or Stan Wawrinka, who play their semifinal on Friday. He's still looking for his first title here.

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## Women's draw

## Serena meets Sharapova for title

It wasn't until Serena Williams forced herself to relax, and not focus too intently on a milestone Grand Slam title, that she rediscovered the art of winning the biggest events in tennis.

Now she's on the verge of a 19th major championship after beating 19-year-old Madison Keys 7-6 (5), 6-2 on Thursday and setting up an Australian Open final against long-time rival Maria Sharapova.

Williams has won the last 15 matches against Sharapova. The statistics point to another win for Williams, but she's not getting ahead of herself.

"Again, I have to win. Everyone's expecting me to win. But we'll see," Williams said. "She's playing unbelievable. She was almost out of the tournament and has been playing better every single match. It's impressive."

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# Bad boy Diaz opens up to random hugs

**MMA.** DanaWhite's six-foot trash-talker has his lovers, too

Nick Diaz got a hug the other night, out of the blue. A male fan came up to the oft-prickly UFC fighter on the street and showed him some love.

"Somebody just walked up and hugged me," Diaz recalled. "I figured I know this person, I live in a small town. Then it was like, 'I don't know this person at all.'"

"I've got to deal with that."

The 31-year-old bad boy from Stockton, Calif., wasn't really complaining. Pressed on the issue, he conceded the happy stranger was a "nice guy" and "a huge fan."

It speaks volumes about Diaz that the former Strikeforce champion attracts such a following despite often refusing to play by the rules and showing a snarling persona



Bad boy Nick Diaz  
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rather than a smile.

There are two kinds of Diaz watchers: those who applaud his "I don't give a damn attitude" and those who tune in hoping he will have the trash talk beaten out of him by his opponent.

For the UFC, that's two fan bases in one and helps explain why it keeps going back

to what amounts to a six-foot walking headache.

UFC president Dana White was reaching for the Aspirin again this week when Diaz failed to show up for a public workout session Wednesday ahead of his UFC 183 showdown Saturday with former middleweight champion Anderson Silva.

It's the first fight for the 39-year-old Silva (33-6) since he suffered a gruesome leg injury in a loss to title-holder Chris Weidman at UFC 168 in December 2013.

Diaz (27-9-1) had elected not to get on his scheduled flight, the UFC later explained. The fighter landed in Las Vegas later Wednesday but not before White tweeted a photo of a milk carton with Diaz's face on the side.

White said this week that a film crew for the "UFC Embedded" video series dispatched to Diaz's home had been unable to find him.

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## Tiger's chipping struggle

Keegan Bradley (not shown) didn't get nearly as much attention as he motored around TPC Scottsdale with seven birdies for the lead among the early starters with a 6-under-65. Ten shots behind with a faltering chipping, Woods was the focus for the crowd. RICK SCUTERI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Soccer

## Blatter not alone in FIFA election

Beating the entry deadline by hours on Thursday, Sepp Blatter formally joined a FIFA presidential contest he is widely expected to win.

Blatter published a low-key message on Twitter confirming an expected bid to extend his scandal-scarred, 17-year leadership of football's wealthy governing body by four more years.

Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan has declared his intention to stand, while UEFA President Michel Platini is central to Europe-led efforts opposing Blatter, including supporting the prince's campaign.

Europe's anti-Blatter strategy intensified on Wednesday when Portugal great Luis Figo became a surprise contender, and UEFA executive committee Michael van Praag of the Netherlands set out manifesto highlights including a plan to expand the 32-team World Cup, FIFA's cash cow. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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### ♈ Aries

**March 21 - April 20**

Today, the more certain people try to convince you that certain goals are beyond your reach the more determined you will be to prove them wrong.

### ♉ Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**

The planets urge you to show the world you have nothing to hide — even if you do! Pretend you don't have a care. Others will be taken in by your act.

### ♊ Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**

Your main aim today and over the weekend must be to push yourself harder. Believe in your abilities and that you are capable of more and, in time, your belief will make it a fact.

### ♋ Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**

Mars and Pluto are nicely aligned today and you could not wish for a better influence to get things done. It is, of course, up to you what you choose to do with your time.

### ♌ Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**

Keep your problems in perspective over the next 24 hours. You may wish that life was easier but in the greater scheme of things your "problems" are opportunities for you to grow.

### ♍ Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

According to the planets you can do a lot of people a lot of good but only if you join forces with those who share your opinions and beliefs.

### ♎ Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

You will soon be moving up in the world, which is good news for you but bad news for your rivals who will be moving down. Don't waste time feeling sorry for them.

### ♏ Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

You have a simple choice today: stand by your principles and lose out financially or reject your ideals and make money. How much will it cost you to buy your principles back?

### ♐ Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

You keep asking yourself all sorts of questions but the answers are so slow in coming. Don't let it worry you because some answers always take longer to arrive than others.

### ♑ Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Certain people may be making life tough for you for no reason but that is no reason to feel sorry for yourself. Rise to the challenge and master it.

### ♒ Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

You may feel unprepared for the challenges that are coming your way but when it's time to act you will do so with courage and confidence.

### ♓ Pisces

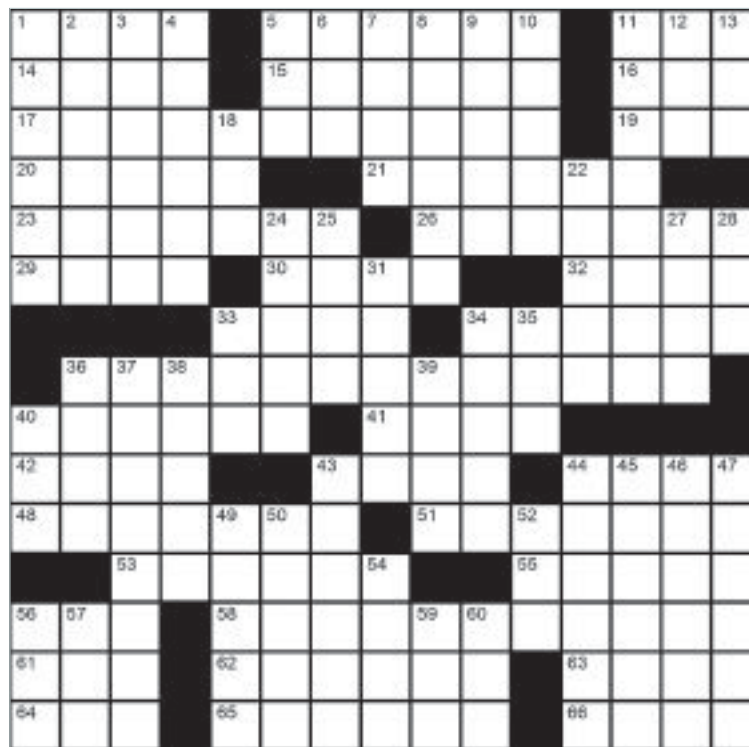
**Feb. 20 - March 20**

You're lucky and if you don't believe it now you will this weekend. What you would attempt to do if you knew that success was guaranteed? Do it!

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

### Across

1. Methods
5. Coffee menu items
11. Vancouver sch.
14. Stick \_\_\_ in the water
15. Huge, in Hull
16. Philosopher, \_\_\_-tzu
17. Winnipeg-born actor who is the voice of the computer HAL in #36-Across: 2 wds. (More at #58-Across!)
19. Samovar
20. Yawnsville
21. Bill Haley & His Comets hit word
23. Chateau \_\_\_ (Historic building of 1705 that's a museum attraction in Old Montreal)
26. Despoths
29. Slopes slider
30. Prunes
32. Former currency in Italy
33. Simple Minds singer Jim
34. Flipped up, as trousers
36. "2001: \_\_\_" (1968)
40. Expects
41. House critters
42. Ruse
43. Groovy
44. Incline
48. Swiftly, in music
51. Piano performance
53. Articulate
55. Ancient market-



- place
56. Compete
58. As per #17-Across, what HAL is short for... Heuristically programmed \_\_\_ computer
61. Geog. feature
62. Steely Dan's "\_\_\_" in the Years"

63. Prong
64. Positive gesture
65. 1974 Ray Stevens novelty song: "The \_\_\_"
66. Wood sorrels

### Down

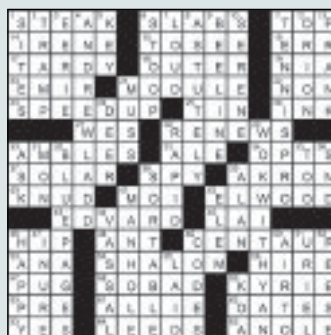
1. Birds like the Ibis
2. Unkeyed, in music

3. Chicago hit of 1973: "Just \_\_\_ ' \_\_\_"
4. Transitioned smoothly
5. \_\_\_ & Perrins (Worcestershire sauce brand)
6. Ques. partner
7. Matador's victim
8. Pieces of land

9. English actress Ms. Blunt
10. Spanish courtesy title
11. Arctic cutting tool: 2 wds.
12. Exclude
13. "\_\_\_ Air" (1997)
18. Ms. Hurley, briefly
22. The baby cow's

24. Sir Guinness'
25. From long ago
27. "South Park" co-creator Mr. Parker
28. Down
31. Movie trailer, e.g.
33. Nightspot in Broadway musical Cabaret, Kit \_\_\_ Klub
34. Pedal
35. Operate
36. Missing from service, commonly
37. Queen Victoria's mother, Princess Victoria of Saxe-Coburg-\_\_\_ (b.1786 - d.1861)
38. High-tech dot
39. Luxury label
40. Dermatology procedure, \_\_\_ peel
43. Kind of eel
44. "Okay then!", Brit-style
45. AECL = \_\_\_ Energy of Canada Limited
46. Spot to dock yachts
47. Locales
49. Thickening gums
50. Rent a house again
52. "So You Think You Can Dance" host Ms. Deeley
54. Lacquered metal-ware
56. Wine, in Paris
57. Prefix meaning "Equal"
59. Narrow inlet
60. Drawing liquid

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7	1	4	5	6	9	3	2	8
3	8	5	7	2	4	9	6	1
9	6	2	3	1	8	7	4	5
8	4	7	6	9	3	1	5	2
5	9	6	2	8	1	4	7	3
2	3	1	4	7	5	8	9	6
1	7	8	9	5	2	6	3	4
4	2	9	1	3	6	5	8	7
6	5	3	8	4	7	2	1	9

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